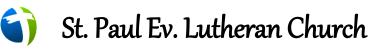


# The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, A+D 2025



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> DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1 – Page 151 Lutheran Service Book

#### We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that "whatever you ask of the Father" in Jesus' name, "he will give it to you" (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our "joy may be full" (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation "of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is "the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb" (Rev. 21:22).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

"The Star Spangled banner"

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

■ I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Cross

I pledge allegiance to the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, One Savior eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

# **Confession and Absolution**

#### 965 God Bless Our Native Land

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Exhortation

#### LSB 151

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- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

# Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the - → Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

Psalm 55:4, 16-18; antiphon: v. 22

- P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
- **C** he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
- P My heart is in anguish within me;
- **C** the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- P But I call to God,
- **G** and the LORD will save me.
- P Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,
- **G** and he hears my voice.
- P He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
- **G** for many are arrayed against me.
- **G** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
- **G** he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

## Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

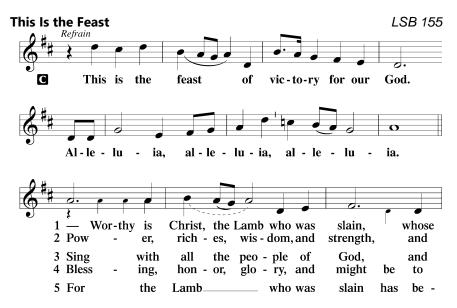


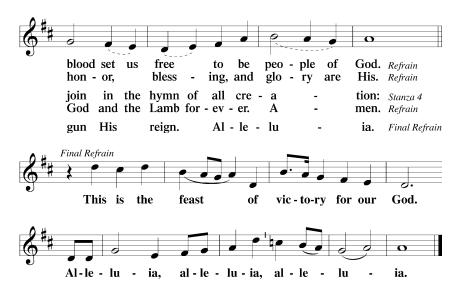
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.







#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## **First Reading**

A The First Reading for The Sixth Sunday of Easter is from the sixteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle

#### Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

A The Second Reading is from the twenty-first chapter of the Revelation of St. John.

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the

city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb....

<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

# Alleluia and Verse LSB 156 Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

#### Holy Gospel

Stand

John 16:23–33

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to

you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

#### 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies

#### Sermon

Stand

## Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Prayer of the Church

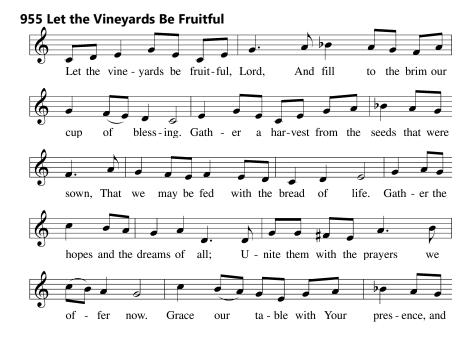
- P ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

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#### **Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

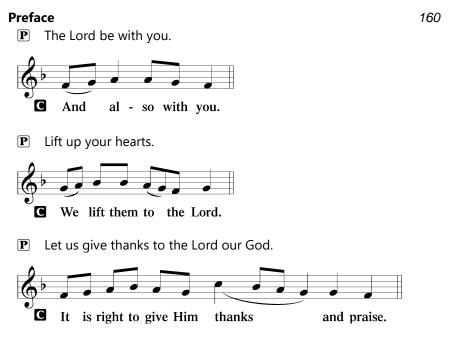
If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

#### Stand





# Service of the Sacrament



#### **Proper Preface (Full)**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

#### The Words of Our Lord

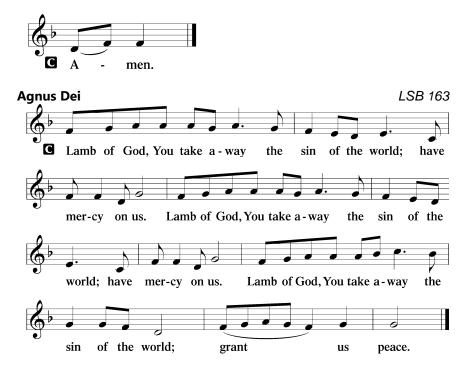
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

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## Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

**Silent Prayer Just Before Communing:** Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Silent Prayer Just After Communing**: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

## 628 Your Table I Approach

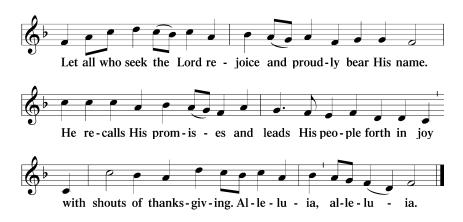
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## The Communion Dismissal

Image: Provide the preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C Amen.





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

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#### 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

#### Video

Silent Prayer

#### Announcements

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# The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church <sup>May 25, 2025</sup>

# **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

# ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Violet Rich Julia Richey Phillip Rick, Family Samantha Denise Riordan, Family Hunter

# **BIRTHDAYS**

Jacob Middleton, 5/28 Brianne Giba, 5/29 Brianna Middleton, 5/31

# **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

Kristi Hudson, 5/28 Janet Sanders, 5/29 Nathanial Conway, 5/30

# **CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Jennifer Olson, 5/26 Jacob Middleton, 5/27 Alec Schassburger, 5/31 Melanie Hudson, 5/27 Travis Middleton, 5/30

# SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Janice Abel, Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Pastor and Pam Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Doris Leifert, Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, Jessica Calderon-Phillips, James Fluechtling, Dakoda Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander. **Rehab Care this past week** – Sandy Bodza **Receiving Hospice this past week** – Jay Carey

# **NEWS UPDATE**

Flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of PFC Erwin H. Diekelman, DOW in WWII from his family.



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, to review *The Boxcar Librarian* by Brianna Labuskes. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

**Christ For You the week of May 25<sup>th</sup> on KFUO.org:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) we are continuing our study of Israel's history according to the book of 1 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at chapters 15-18. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) for our study of Genesis! This week's readings will bring us into the beginning of Jacob's story. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (5/31 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will discuss the Church and how believers are justified. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

**The Week of May25<sup>th</sup> Premier Conference For Lutheran Laity...** You're invited to attend the 2025 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: CNN Political Commentator Scott Jennings, Dr. Carl Trueman of Grove City College, Dr. Thomas Egger of Concordia Seminary, Dr. Jon Bruss of Concordia Theological Seminary and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. Registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

"We rightly honor our dead who are near to us in time, realizing this is but a passing phase of memory, that in another already-determined Time, all the graves shall be opened, and all shall rise to meet the Judge of the Living and the Dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end. Memory eternal." James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

# MEMORIAL DAY



"The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." - Douglas MacArthur

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# **GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION**



May 18<sup>th</sup> Attendance 20, 15 Communed

| Short                 | \$-449.00 |                      |          |
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| Offering Needed       | 1,423.00  |                      |          |
| <b>Budgeted Total</b> | 974.00    | Non-budgeted Total   | \$120.00 |
|                       |           | Social Ministry      | 35.00    |
| General Fund          | 250.00    | Church Maint         | 20.00    |
| Basket                | 104.00    | Luth. Church Charity | 10.00    |
| Envelopes             | \$620.00  | Weekly Missions      | \$55.00  |
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# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

| 8:30 am  | Sunday School   |
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| 9:30 am  | Worship Service |
| 10:30 am | Coffee &        |

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Sunday

| 8:30 am  | Sunday School   |
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| 9:30 am  | Worship Service |
| 10:30 am | Coffee &        |

# SERVANT SCHEDULE

Pastor Usher Lay Reader Sun, May 25, 9:30 AMPastor KleinLouis SellaDeb Brandy

Sun, Jun 1, 9:30 AM Rev. Mark Zuehsow Bill Sommer





